

Dear All.

This is a message to raise public awareness regarding a recent scam linked to the COVID -19 vaccine.

We have been alerted by different sources, to a scam that is now in wider circulation, that starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine.

Users are then invited to click on the link in the text message and are taken to a web page, again that looks very convincing. It goes on to ask for some personal information, for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Proof of address
- Card payment details

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An example of the Fake Text published by the National Neighbourhood Watch Network is shown below. Recipients are advised to report this to **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Fake Text re - Covid-19 Test

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what it looks like.

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A NHS: We have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here : uk-application-form.com

This URL takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details

NEVER give out your personal details.

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Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – we've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.

Protect others by reporting incidents like this. If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to **Action Fraud** by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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